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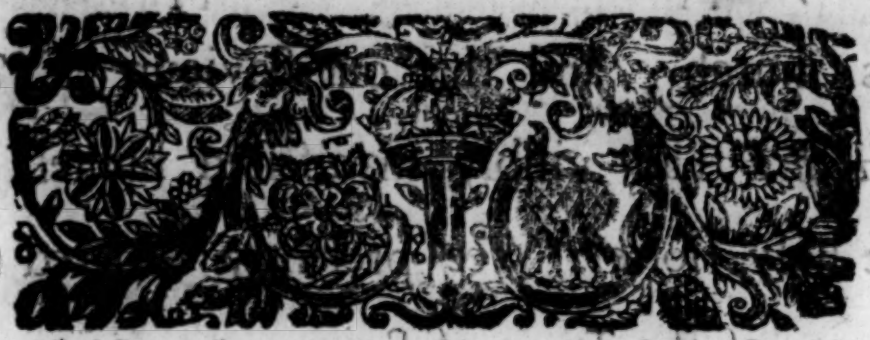

An Extract out of a Pastoral Letter of the Bishop of Angers *in* France, *concerning a late* Miracle *done in the Parish called in French* Des Ulmes de St. Florent. *near to the Town of* Saumur, *on the second day of* June 1668. *at what time those of the Reformed Church as they call themselves) held their Synod in the said Town of* SAUMUR.

The Bishops words are as followeth.

THe Curate of that Parish, having informed us, that on the *Saturday* within the Octave of the Blessed Sacra-

ment, happened a miraculous Apparition in his Church; and that our Saviour *JESUS CHRIST* had visibly manifested himself in the holy Hoste: Wee presently Ordered the Curate of the Town of *Saumur* to goe to the place, and take exact information of it; which being performed with great prudence and exactness; he having sent us the Depositions of the Curate, and of the Vicair, and of several Parishioners, suitable to the first advice sent us, We Judged it fitting to take our selves the account of the truth of this Miracle from the Mouths of the Witnesses. Wherefore on the 20*th*. of this Month we went thither with our Promoter; and having celebrated the Masse of the

the Holy Ghoſt, for obtaining light neceſſary for the clearing of ſo important a Verity; Wee Viſited that ſame *Hoſte*, which yet remained in the *Remonſtrance* where the apparition was made: And after we had examined moſt exactly, and were certified that it could not be done by any Artifice, nor by reflection of light; nor by any ordinary means of nature; We heard ſeparately the Curate and the Vicair, and the Pariſhioners that were neareſt to the Altar; as alſo two Inhabitants of the Town of *Saumur*, who had met there, and by their Depoſitions Wee underſtood, that on the 2*d*. day of this Month, which was *Saturday* within the Octave of the *Bleſſed Sacrament*, in time of the *Salve*,

when the Curate ſang theſe words, *Verbum Caro*, *Panem Verum*, there appeared in the *Remonſtrance*, in place of of the *Hoſte*, the form of a Man, his hair falling on his Shoulders, and of a bright-brown colour, his face glittering, his hands croſſed, the right hand over the left; his Body veſted with a white garment, in forme of an *Albe*. And that this Apparition laſted more than a quarter of an hour: as well upon the Tabernacle where the Sacrament was expoſed, as upon the Alter: after the Curate had taken it down, to ſhew it the people nearer at hand. After which, appeared a ſmall cloud about it, which being ſoon diſſipated, the *Hoſte* appeared in its ordinary ſhape as it was before this Miracle happened.

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This is the Substance of what the Witnesses deposed, who all agreed in the same thing; so that there is reason to believe, That the Saviour of the World did visibly manifest himself in this Parish, which is one of the poorest of the Dioceſs.

The Bishop after a short Pastoral Exhortation, ordained as followeth.

THat the same *Hoste* in which the Apparition was made, shall be preciously kept within the same Church *Des Ulmes de St. Florent.* in a Window, firm and decently adorned, which shall be made for that purpose near the high Alter on the Gospel side; and that yearly on the *Saturday* within the Octave of the *Blessed Sacrament*, the Anniversary of this Apparition shall be solemnly celebrated in the said Church.

Given under the Hand and Seal of the Bishop of Angers, *the* 25*th. of* June, 1668.

FINIS.

for the Feast of Glass

The Bishop after a short Pastoral Exhortation, ordained as follows:

That the same Day in which the Apparition was made, which is the Feast of Glass, in the Year 1666. in the high Altar on the Gospel side, and three several times on the Saturday within the Octave of the said Solemnity, the Anniversary of this Apparition shall be solemnly celebrated in the said Church.

Given under the Hand and Seal of the Bishop of Angers, the 25th. of June, 1668.

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